

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Atty. Docket No.: SIR-MIS-00001-US-CIP[4])

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)	
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James McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>)	
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Serial No.)	10/757,803
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Examiner:)	Amy Hudson Bowman
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Filed:)	January 14, 2004
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Group Art Unit:)	1635
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Title)	RNA Interference Mediated
)	Inhibition of Gene Expression
)	Using Chemically Modified
)	Short Interfering Nucleic Acid
)	(siNA)

AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action dated July 2, 2008, in the above-referenced application and request continued examination. A Notice of Appeal has been filed on October 2, 2008, with the appropriate fee. Also submitted herewith is a petition for a one (1)-month extension of time and the fee in connection with this petition. It is believed that no other fee is presently due; however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overage to our deposit account number 50-4615.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.
